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R. E. O'Malley, Director.

Kansas City, Missouri,

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Mr. Robert E. Hannegan,

1724 Arcade Bldg.,

St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Bob:-

Answering your letter of the 16th inst. regarding Mrs. McDaniels.

I discussed Mrs. McDaniels' candidacy with Mr. Pendergast a week or ten days ago. Mrs. O'Malley desired to communicate with several of her coworkers over the State in the State Federation of Women's Democratic Clubs, urging their support of Mrs. McDaniels, but did not, of course, wish to do so unless assured she would not be embarrassing the Kansas City organization.

Mr. Pendergast told me at the time that he had no candidate and would have none against the candidate selected by the St. Louis organization; that he thought St. Louis was entitled to fill the vacancy. Consequently, Mrs. O'Malley wrote several of her friends throughout the State. I talked both with Jim Aylward and Senator Truman; both expressed themselves in accordance with Mr. Pendergast's views as given you above. However, I will see Mr. Pendergast tomorrow or Wednesday, but I have no doubt but what his attitude will be unchanged. If I find that it is, I will so advise you.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Emmet O'Malley.